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POST AND TELEGRAPH FACILITIES IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are inadequate postal and telegraph facilities in rural areas of Rajasthan, especially in Barmer and Jaisalmer districts;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether the Government propose to expand and upgrade postal and telegraph services in rural areas of Rajasthan, especially in Barmer and Jaisalmer districts of Western Rajsthan; and

(d) the details of Gram Panchayats which are likely to be provided postal and telegraph facilities during the current financial year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. S PASWAN)

(a) &(b): There are adequate postal and telegraph facilities in rural areas of Rajasthan including Barmer and Jaisalmer districts. As on 31.3.2002, 9630 post offices and 204 Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras are functioning in rural areas of Rajasthan including 471 post offices in Barmer district and 141 post offices in Jaisalmer distsrict.

(c) & (d): A target of opening of 75 new Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras and 18 Branch Post Offices has been allocated to Rajasthan Circle. 2 Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras and 1 Branch Post Office each are proposed to be opened in Barmer and Jaisalmer districts of Western Rajasthan during the current financial year. Opening of new Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras and Branch Post Offices is subject to be fulfillment of prescribed norms and availability of required resources. The information relating to Telegraph Offices is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.